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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application No.: 10/649,634  
Title: SECURED TABLECLOTH  
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Inventor: Sally Skertchly  
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Dear Sir:

In compliance with the Applicant's duty of disclosure set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.97, et seq., Applicant brings to the attention of the Examiner the information contained in the following for consideration during the examination of the above-referenced patent application:

**U.S. Patent Documents**

<u>Patent No.</u>	<u>Issued</u>	<u>Inventor(s)</u>
4,883,001	November 28, 1989	Roth
1,856,799	May 3, 1932	Waters
5,084,321	January 28, 1992	Sui
4,153,097	May 8, 1979	Pettibone
3,156,280	November 10, 1964	Affholter
6,381,812	May 7, 2002	Crider et al.
4,708,183	November 24, 1987	Figueroa
3,368,601	February 13, 1968	Gantert-Merz
4,328,271	May 4, 1982	Rountree

**Non-Patent Literature**

1. Fitted Tablecloths, [www.tabletopshop.com/product1.htm](http://www.tabletopshop.com/product1.htm), Printed July 29, 2002, 2 pages.

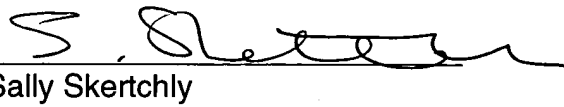
It is respectfully submitted that the Applicant's invention defines patentable subject matter over the teachings of the above references, alone or in any combination thereof. Accordingly, favorable action on this application is respectfully requested. A completed form PTO/SB/08A and PTO/SB/08B, delineating the above references, is enclosed, as well as a copy of each of the references.

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Respectfully submitted,

Date: Oct 16 2003

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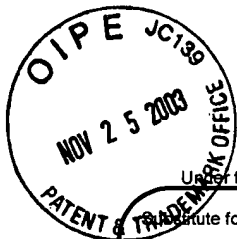
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**NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS**

Examiner Initials*	Cite No. <sup>1</sup>	Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published.	T <sup>2</sup>
	1	Fitted Tablecloths, <a href="http://www.tabletopshop.com/product1.htm">www.tabletopshop.com/product1.htm</a> , Printed July 29, 2002, 2 pages.	

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